

## **Call for Nominations for Auburn's first Poet Laureate**

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AUBURN, Wash. – October 18, 2011 – This past Monday, the City of Auburn Council created the Auburn's first honorary position of Poet Laureate. A poet laureate is a poet officially appointed and is invited to compose poems for City occasions and events. An idea that was initially proposed from a community member, and was readily embraced by the Arts Commission. "By creating this honorary position", notes Arts Commissioner Linda Elliott, "We are excited to be able to celebrate literary arts and artists in this community."

The specific criteria for the appointment of the Poet Laureate are based on her/his involvement and commitment to the community, literary excellence and continued pursuit of the craft. During the three-year term the Poet Laureate is expected to share their love of poetry with our city and create occasional poems for specific civic events. Any organization or individual that wishes to nominate a poet for the position of Auburn's First Poet Laureate may submit documents for consideration (Self-nominations not accepted). Application receipt deadline is November 30, 2011.

The Poet Laureate Nomination form and overview is available on the City of Auburn Cultural Arts website <http://www.auburnwa.gov/arts> or by contacting the Parks, Arts and Recreation Department, 253-931-3043, 910 Ninth Street SE, Auburn Washington 98002.

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